

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 3395, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3396 (to Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3397 (to Amendment No. 3396), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3398 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 3395), to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3399 (to Amendment No. 3398), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 3400, to change the enactment date. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3401 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 3400), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

Reid Amendment No. 3402 (to Amendment No. 3401), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8237**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year; Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid Amendment No. 3395 (listed above); and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to the bill be at 1:30 p.m., on Friday, December 21, 2012. **Page S8273**

Conference Reports:

National Defense Authorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year; that there be up to one hour of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to a vote on adoption of the conference report. **Pages S8251–74**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the notification of the President's intent to terminate the designation of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis as a beneficiary developing country under the Generalized

System of Preferences (GSP) program; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–64)

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Brann, Mannion, and Tigar Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Matthew W. Brann, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Malachy Edward Mannion, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and Jon S. Tigar, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; that there be 30 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form; that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations, in that order; and that no further motions be in order. **Page S8273**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 9:24 p.m., until 1 p.m. on Friday, December 21, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8321.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine recovering from superstorm Sandy, focusing on rebuilding our infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Peter Rogoff, Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation; Yolanda Chavez, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, Office of Community Planning and Development,

Department of Housing and Urban Development; James Weinstein, NJ TRANSIT Corporation, Morristown, New Jersey; Thomas F. Prendergast, MTA New York City Transit, Brewster, New York; and Patrick J. Foye, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Sands Point, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of William B. Shultz, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, and

Christopher J. Meade, of New York, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BENGHAZI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Benghazi, focusing on the attacks and the lessons learned, after receiving testimony from William J. Burns and Thomas R. Nides, both a Deputy Secretary of State.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 6690–6702; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 842 was introduced. **Pages H7423–24**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H7424–25**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Gregory Meeks (H. Rept. 112–709);

In the Matter of Representative Tim Ryan (H. Rept. 112–710);

H.R. 1073, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 112–711);

H.R. 2919, to eliminate the reimbursement requirement for certain tornado shelters constructed with Federal assistance, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–712);

Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget, House of Representatives, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Fourth Quarter (H. Rept. 112–713);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce for the Fourth Quarter of the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–714);

H.R. 1063, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the application of Medicare secondary payer rules for certain claims, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–715, Pt. 1);

In the Matter of Allegations Relating to Representative Shelley Berkley (H. Rept. 112–716); and

H.R. 3116, to authorize certain programs of the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–717, Pt. 1). **Page H7423**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7361**

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 315 yeas to 107 nays, Roll No. 645.

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H. Res. 840, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a recorded vote of 243 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 642, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 641.

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Spending Reduction Act of 2012: The House passed H.R. 6684, to provide for spending reduction, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 215 yeas to 209 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 644.

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Rejected the Van Hollen motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 179 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 643.

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H. Res. 841, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 66) and the bill (H.R. 6684) was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 640, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 233 yeas to 184 nays, Roll No. 639. **Pages H7374–83**